

REMARKS

New claims 14-22 are presented for examination, originally filed claims 1-13 having been canceled.

The indication that originally filed claims 3 and 10 would be allowable in independent form is appreciatively noted. Other claims 4-7 and 11-13 were rejected on non-art based grounds. Claims 1, 2, 8, and 9 were rejected as being anticipated by Ludwig (U.S. Patent Number 6,487,218).

Claims 3 and 10 have been rewritten in independent form and presented anew as claims 14 and 19, respectively. Claims 4-7 and 11-13 have also been rewritten as newly presented claims 15-18 and 20-22 correcting certain the deficiencies thereto pointed out by the Examiner as well as to better present the invention. These claims are also believed to be allowable as corrected. With respect to rejected claims 1, 2, 8 and 9, this rejection is respectfully hereby mooted in view of the cancellation herein of these claims.

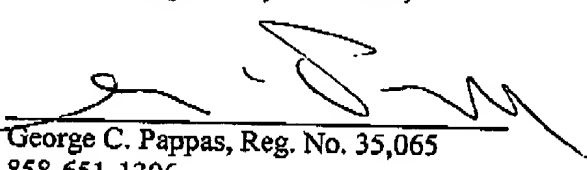
CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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